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Letter dated 28 September 2009 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I have the honour to express our sincere gratitude for the preparation of the report of the Secretary-General dated 21 May 2009 on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the options for possible locations for the archives of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the seat of the residual mechanism(s) for the Tribunals (S/2009/258).

Referring to recommendations (l) and (m) in paragraph 259 of the report, I would like to confirm that the members of the Security Council welcome those recommendations and request that the Secretary-General write to the Presidents of the Tribunals to ask that they ensure that the tasks listed in recommendation (l) are carried out as part of their completion strategies, and that they report to the Security Council on their progress in implementing these tasks as set out in recommendation (m) as part of their regular reporting on the completion strategies. In relation to recommendation (l)(ii), the members of the Security Council wish to emphasize that the Tribunals are requested to consider and report in detail on the possible ways to review witness protection orders and decisions with a view to withdrawing or varying those that are no longer necessary, as well as on concrete steps to be taken by the Tribunals towards this end.

I would be most grateful if you could write to the Presidents of the Tribunals in the above terms.

(*Signed*) Susan **Rice**
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